

REMARKS

The claims are 1 to 5.

The specification and claims have been amended.

With regard to the amendment to the specification, arrangement per the Examiner's suggestion has been made.

Further, a typographical error was corrected on page 6, line 6.

No new matter has been added.

With regard to the amendment to the claims, the amendment to claim 1 is supported by the description on page 6, lines 4 to 6 of the specification.

Further, the terminology of the claims has been simplified by the above-amendments.

Claims 1 to 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Sugihara et al. (JP 05-023094 A).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

JP 05-023094 A relates to an oil-in-water type composition. The composition contains as essential ingredients fats and oils, a gelling agent, an emulsifying agent and sugar liquid. Soybean protein can be used as the gelling agent.

Such an oil-in-water type composition is completely and unobviously different from the plastic mixture of the present invention which is prepared by simply mixing soybean protein with a sugar in the form of liquid. In fact, as described on page 9, lines 9 to 14, fats and oils are mixed with the plastic mixture afterward. Obviously, the composition of the reference which contains fats and oils is different from the plastic mixture of the present invention.

As described on page 6, lines 4 to 6, it is essential to add a plastic mixture of soybean protein and a sugar in the form of liquid to wheat flour. The reference does not teach or suggest the necessity of this essential feature of the present invention.


For the foregoing reasons, it is apparent that the rejection on prior art is untenable and should be withdrawn.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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